

Adams, Hope

From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 9:14 AM
To: 'Grethe Haladyna'
Subject: RE: Dukes Western Carolinas Modernization Project

Dear Ms. Haladyna,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E – (Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project - 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC) and will be posted on our website under ND-2015-20-E.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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From: Grethe Haladyna []
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:21 PM
To: PSC_Contact
Subject: Dukes Western Carolinas Modernization Project

Att: Hope Adams

Greetings,

This Letter to the Editor was published in today's Tryon Bulletin.

After reading it, a friend of mine suggested I forward it to you, which of course I am glad to do. Feel free to use it any way you wish.

Grethe Haladyna
August 12th, 2015

DUKE WESTERN CAROLINAS MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Duke Western Carolina's "Modernization" Project has raised a firestorm of protests in the counties affected, some of the most beautiful and well preserved historic areas of the Carolinas.

As a European transplant to Tryon, NC, I am stunned that any corporation would even consider an expansion plan that involves trailing High Voltage Power Lines via 140 foot towers through pristine land, that bases its economy on horse farms and tourism!

- Let me rephrase: I cannot believe any corporation in today's world would call expansion by areal high power transmission: Modernization?

And that brings me to the fact, that we don't talk nearly enough about the alternatives to this long outdated solution. The most obvious, and least talked about, alternative is to bury the cables underground. This is being done extensively in Europe and Asia, and with the increased use and the experience these countries have gained, the installation costs have come down considerably, - and of course the maintenance costs and adverse effects on the environment are low to none.

So what is holding Duke back from applying this simple solution to its high power transfer? What is preventing Duke from cooperating with DOT and bury the lines along the I 26 corridor from Campobello, SC to Asheville, NC! It's the most direct line, no mountains to negotiate, no farms and homesteads to cross.

Let's not forget that Duke (and DOT) are in the business of serving the people and thereby their shareholders, not the other way around. There is a lot of bad feelings in this area. We all feel we are being treated like pieces of a puzzle not like human beings with concerns for our health and the health of our children and animals. - and when did we last hear about a power line running over the property of a high power CEO?

Please help by doing everything in your power to stop this poorly conceived plan. Once the Towers are in, we can never erase this scar on our environment, and our lives and economy will have been permanently compromised.

Sincerely,

Grethe Haladyna

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